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Dear Mr Ely

**Order Granting Development Consent for the Tillbridge Solar Project  
(EN010142) – Response to applicant's Deadline 5 submissions.**

I refer to the various submissions made by the applicant at Deadline 5.

Firstly, we wish to comment on the information that has been submitted following comments made by the Environment Agency in our letter dated 18 February 2025 (**REP5-052**) on the matter of a riparian survey of the watercourses of the cable corridor impacted by the scheme. These were in response to the applicant's answer to Q1.2.2. of your first written questions (**REP4-048**). As you will recall, we wanted a specific approach to account for water vole in areas where they are working on riverbanks and we considered that this approach should be specifically detailed in the Construction Environmental Management Plan.

In response, we note the applicant has submitted an updated Construction Environmental Management Plan (**REP5-015/016**) at Deadline 5 and this includes extra information in response to our request on pages 29 to 33. We confirm we are happy with this additional wording and, on this basis, this matter has been addressed.

Secondly, we wish to comment further on the matter of the Protective Provisions relating to the Environment Agency following our answer to Q2. 6.2 of your second set of questions (**REP5-051**). As you will recall, in our answer to this question, we advised that the Protective Provisions had been agreed and that the applicant's Legal advisors had stated it was the intention to include the revised Protective Provisions in the updated draft DCO being submitted at Deadline 5.

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We have checked the Protective Provisions that you have submitted at Deadline 5, as part of the updated Development Consent Order **(REP5-006/007)**, and can confirm they are acceptable to our Legal Team. On this basis, this matter has also been addressed.

I hope this information is of assistance. Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely

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